

II. General Remarks Concerning This Response

Claims 9-13 and 22-30 are currently pending. Claims 9, 12, 22, 25, 27, and 29 have been amended herein; no claims have been added; claims 1-8 and 14-21 have been canceled.

5 Claims 12, 13, 25, 26, and 30 were previously allowed.

 Claims 9-11 and 22-24 were previously objected to as being allowable if rewritten; claims 9 and 22 have been rewritten in independent form to include allowable subject matter. Claims 10, 11, 23, and 24 depend from corresponding claims 9 and 22; 10 therefore, since claims 9 and 22 have been rewritten in independent form to include allowable subject matter, then their corresponding dependent claims 10, 11, 23, and 24 are also allowable.

 Claim 27 has been amended to include allowable subject 15 matter in a manner similar to claims 9 and 22. Claim 29 has been amended to recite subject matter similar to claim 10.

 The preambles have been amended to recite "computer-implemented steps" or "computer readable storage medium" where appropriate.

20 Reconsideration of the claims is requested.

III. Conclusion


It is respectfully urged that the present application is patentable, and Applicant kindly requests a Notice of Allowance.

For any other outstanding matters or issues, the examiner is urged to call or fax the below-listed telephone numbers to expedite the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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